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As a life-long resident, registered and regular voter, taxpayer, and business owner in the state of Ohio, one of the plaintiffs in this case, I strongly urge that the proposed settlement be made final and that this lawsuit is brought to a long overdue end. I have communicated my strong objection to this suit to Betty Montgomery, Ohio's Attorney General, numerous times since this all began. In my opinion, this lawsuit was NEVER in the public interest. I believe the recession we are now in was directly caused by our government's intrusion in intellectual property rights and an industry for which they have no understanding.

As a small business owner, I have watched as other businesses in my community have either been driven out of business completely or seen their businesses severely damaged by this economic situation. To do anything less than settle this case by making the proposed agreement official is nothing less than economic treason.

Microsoft software has revolutionized the way we do business and established the United States as the world leader in technology. It's time to let them go back to doing what they do best.

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